CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended): A method to desensitize a subject to an allergic reaction to 2S albumin which method comprises administering to said subject a 2S albumin which has been modified by reducing essentially all of the disulfide bonds thereof and alkylating the resultants.

22. (previously presented): The method of claim 21 wherein the 2S albumin is Brazil nut 2S albumin.

23. (new): The method of claim 21 wherein said reducing has been performed using a reducing agent selected from the group consisting of 2-mercaptoethanol, dithiothreitol, dithioerythritol, and tributylphosphine, and combinations thereof.

24. (new): The method of claim 21 wherein said alkylating employs an alkylating agent selected from the group consisting of N-ethylmaleimide, cystamine, iodoacetamide, and iodoacetic acid, and combinations thereof.

25. (new): The method of claim 21 wherein said administering is oral or parenteral and said desensitizing results in reduction of any IgE response to zero.

26. (new): A method to desensitize a subject to an allergic reaction to a subsequently administered 2S albumin which method comprises previously administering to said subject a modified form of said 2S albumin which has been modified by reducing essentially all of the disulfide bonds thereof and alkylating the resultants.

27. (new): The method of claim 26 wherein the 2S albumin is Brazil nut 2S albumin.

28. (new): The method of claim 26 wherein said reducing has been performed using a reducing agent selected from the group consisting of 2-mercaptoethanol, dithiothreitol, dithioerythritol, and tributylphosphine, and combinations thereof.

29. (new): The method of claim 26 wherein said alkylating has employed an alkylating agent selected from the group consisting of N-ethylmaleimide, cystamine, iodoacetamide, and iodoacetic acid, and combinations thereof.

30. (new): The method of claim 26 wherein said administering is oral or parenteral and said desensitizing results in reduction of any IgE response to zero.